

# The Solution: Sufficient Resources

## THE FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

While numerous nonprofit organizations, foundations, and the public sector have been working to address chronic homelessness for a long time, there have not been strategic attempts to coordinate public and private funding for the services and resources needed to solve the problem.

That changed in 2011 when public and private funders came together as part of the Home For Good initiative to create a more coordinated approach to funding permanent solutions to homelessness through the Home For Good Funders Collaborative.

“The Home For Good Funders Collaborative is one of the most powerful elements of LA’s plan to end chronic and veteran homelessness. The Funders Collaborative brings together City and County, Public and Private, non-profit and business into an aligned decision making process that ensures we deploy our collective resources for maximum impact.”

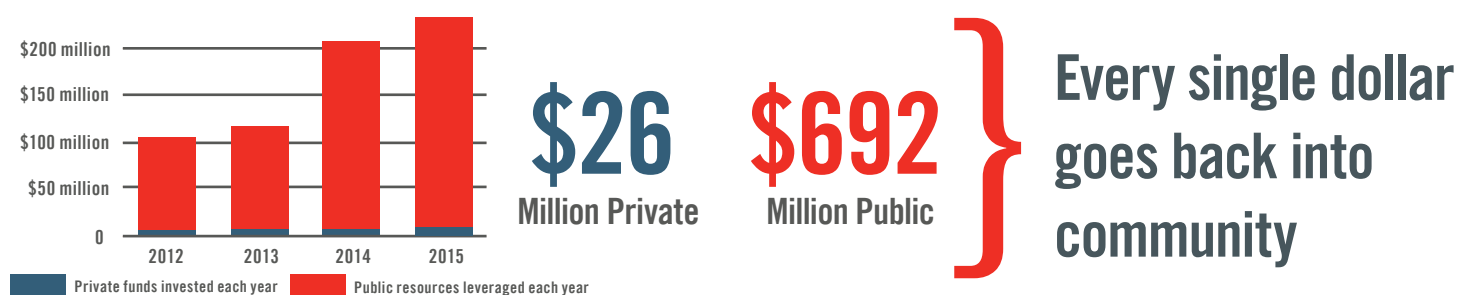
– Doug Guthrie, President and CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA)

Prior to the Collaborative, providers interested in developing or operating permanent supportive housing (PSH) generally applied for funds from a multitude of sources with different funding cycles, priorities, and availability, any of which could obstruct the project. The Collaborative was formed to bring public and private partners together to create a single funding application process, align funding priorities around PSH, and make funding decisions collaboratively.

# Secure Sufficient Resources: **The Funders Collaborative**

Each year, United Way, along with over 20 other public and private funders, invests in long-term solutions to end chronic and Veteran homelessness through the Home For Good Funders Collaborative. The Collaborative provides support to strong, community proposals from every corner of Los Angeles County that effectively demonstrate processes for moving chronically homeless people and veterans off the streets and into permanent housing. This funding is done through several funding areas, all of which require a connection to the Coordinated Entry System – the platform for addressing homelessness in Los Angeles County. Grants may include funds for outreach, housing navigation, move-in costs, housing retention, innovation, and other uses that further the goal of ending homelessness.

In the last four years, the Home For Good Funders Collaborative has jointly invested over \$718 million in public and private resources in permanent solutions to homelessness in Los Angeles County.



Because of this collaboration, we can reduce public spending by 43% making limited funds go further.

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